

**James M. Parker to Andrew Jackson, May 2, 1841, from
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class=MsoNormal>J. M. PARKER TO JACKSON AND SON.

Halcyon Plantation, May 2, 1841.

Dear Sirs, we still continue to have our health as yet and I hope we will continue to be blessed my crop is all in good condition I have worked over my cotton and had before wednesday night a Splendid Stand but it is bad enough now, we had a severe storm of wind rain and hail, it continued for four and twenty hours blowing hard all the time, the banks of the river washed off badly, I lost a bout twenty cords of wood during the night there was a grateel of the other in the river that I succeeded in getting out I had it corded a good ways from the edge of the water, a good cart rode between it and the river the banks washed in places thirty to forty feet during two or three days the weather was very cold the cold weather together with the hail and rain it worsted my stand of cotton I shall go to ree planting in the morning I shall not have a grate eel of reeplanting to do, it was not injured as bad as I antispated it would tho bad enough, besides this last disaster it has been the worst spring that has ever bin known in this country so said the citizens the cotton for the last day or two looks much better and I hope we will have favourable weather from now out the river is falling 0133 109 at this time it is still over the burnt field and I cant plant it in corn yet I am in hopes it will gow off in a few days and let me plant it I have a bout four to five hundred cords of wood as near as I can guess I am still halling of it on the bank I have about two hundred cords on now all of the hands that I have chopping of cord wood gets 9 cords per week with perfect ease some week they finish there task by friday night. I have

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no troubl with any of the hands of consequence, I do not think I have ever seen a better set of hands to take them all together and business all appers to progress with ease

I have nothing mo of importance at this time I have the honour to be yours with respects etc. etc.

P S you will be please to send me the molasses and rice and iron as soon as it may be convenient if you did not send it by the Cumberland and if you did sen them and make them leave those things when they come down a gain if you sent them they did not leave them here I received all of the other articles etc.